

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] As shown in Figs. 9-11, a hanger 24a is pivotally connected to the base 12a via a cavity 52 defined by the base 12a. As clearly shown in Fig. 7, the base has a flat bottom that can be positioned on the horizontal surface 40 at the edge 46 of a table or counter. It is also clear from Figs. 7-12 that the hanger pivots around a substantially horizontal axis when the bottom of the base is positioned on a flat horizontal surface because the axis of the pivot connection is then substantially horizontal and lies in a plane between the top and bottom surfaces of the base. The hanger 24a may be made of metal, metal alloy, plastic, or other suitable material and, as shown generally in Figs. 7-12, may include a generally curve-shaped first portion 26a integrally formed to a second portion 28a. The first portion 26a has a first end 30a and a second end 32a, with the first end 30a of the first portion 26a of the hanger 24a bent at an angle with respect to a balance of the first portion 26a of the hanger 24a. The first end 30a of the first portion 26a of the hanger 24a is inserted into the cavity 54 defined by the base 12a as to define a pivot joint 22a, so that the hanger 24a is rotatable with respect to the base 12a.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] The second portion 28a of the hanger 24a generally includes a stem 34a that is connected to the second end 32a of the first portion 26a of the hanger 24a and a C-shaped loop 36a connected to the stem 34a. The stem 34a intersects the second end 32a of the first portion 26a of the hanger 24a at an intersection point 38a, such that an angle β is defined between the second end 32a of first portion 26a of the hanger 24a and the stem 34a. As is clear from Fig. 7, the second portion of the hanger 24a has a C-shaped opening upward when the flat bottom of the base is resting on a horizontal surface and the stem 34a of the hanger 24a is pivoted to a more or less vertical position and the loop is shaped to locate an article held thereby directly below the bottom surface of the base. The C-shaped loop 36a is preferably large enough to allow a scarf, gloves, or other clothing article to easily pass through the C-shaped loop 36a without being bunched or clamped. A stop 54 may be added to a free end of the C-shaped loop 36a to prevent a sharp edge and help hold articles.